



## Larry Ray Trusty

November 13, 1948 - July 28, 2016

Larry Ray Trusty was born November 13, 1948, in Paris, Arkansas, to Victor Albert and Betty Edelda (Scrudder) Trusty. He died Thursday, July 28, 2016, on his 44th wedding anniversary in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 67 years. Larry was reared and educated in Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduating with the Union High School Class of 1967. He received his pilot license his junior year of high school. He served 6 years in the Oklahoma Air National Guard. He continued his education attending the Spartan School of Aeronautics. He was married July 28, 1972, to Gayla Bruce Trusty. Larry spent 30 years with American Airlines in Tulsa, retiring in 2008 as an inspector. After retiring he started his own small aircraft business at his home on Gundy's airport. He was known for his honest and trustworthy work ethic and his many customers became his friends. He enjoyed going to Oshkosh, Sun n Fun and took every chance to fly. He would say his get away from a house full of girls was flying. He always told Gayla that he felt closer to God when he was among the clouds and did a lot of his praying up in the air. He was a devoted son, caring brother, loving husband, a gentle father, and a doting papa. Besides his love of God and family he was passionate about flying. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Young Eagles, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Vintage Aircraft Association. Larry was a faithful Christian and an active member of Owasso First Assembly of God. He loved his Monday morning community group fixing the things that needed to be repaired around the church, but mostly drinking coffee and bugging Donna Kerr. Most important to him was God, family, and especially joking around with his grandchildren. Once he learned to text "LOL," it had a whole new meaning to his grandchildren to his family it means "Lots of Love." Loving family members include: His wife of 44 years; Gayla, of the home Two daughters; Amy Leybas and husband Ben, of Muskogee, OK Kim Tolbert and husband Tyson, of Merced, CA 7 grandchildren; Bailey Sexton, Emily Sexton, Riley Sexton, Avery Jo Sexton, Noah Tolbert, Levi Tolbert, Asher Tolbert. 4 Bonus grandchildren; Blake Leybas, Jake Leybas, Drake Leybas, Lauren Leybas 1 Bonus Great granddaughter; Phoenix Leybas Sister; Helen Derton and husband David, of Tulsa Parents; Victor and Betty Trusty, of Owasso Mother-in-law; Ida Bruce who was his second mom He was preceded in death by a nephew Jeff Hicks. Father-in-law James Bruce who he loved deeply. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at

Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2016, at the Owasso First Assembly of God with Pastor Bruce McCarty and Pastor Robert Palvado officiating. Committal service and interment will follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1022, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and service were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)



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“ *'What a blessed man... \r\nA faithful wife 2 adoring daughters and many grandchildren. What an awesome gift to have been able to share quiet times with The Lord in the clouds as a pilot! Meeting Jesus in person must've been a very familiar experience! \r\nOur hearts go out to you, Gayla, Amy and Kim... Until you see him again, may God be your ever-present help and comforter! '*

**Trace & Jen Tolbert** - August 03, 2016 at 02:41 PM

AR

“ *'Gayla, Amy, Kim, Edelda, Victor, Helen and Grandkids - Our hearts are hurting for all of you. We know the pain of losing one so very, very dear. Larry's smile, soft voice, twinkling eyes and kindness will forever be in our memories. We continue to pray God's Hand of Peace upon all of you. We love you all. Ann, Rhonda, Janet, Dan and Family'*

**Ann Roper** - August 01, 2016 at 11:15 PM

RH

“ *'Dear Gayla and family our hearts and prayers are extended to your family during this difficult time of loss! May the Lord of mercy touch your hearts and bring comfort as only he can! I didn't know larry personally out at American although I work with his best friend Ronnie Black.'*

**Ron and Cathy Hair** - August 01, 2016 at 10:39 PM

DT

“ *'Our hearts are broken at the knowledge of Larry's passing but know he is no longer suffering. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gayla, Amy, Kim, Victor, Edelda, and Helen and of course the grandchildren. \r\n\r\nWe were remembering Larry this past weekend and Paul talked about his love of Camaros and airplanes. \r\n\r\nWe wished we lived closer to you and were able to come to the service; however, with the care of Leora (who is now 100 years old), we just can't make the trip. Know that our thoughts and hearts will be there. We love you! Paul, Delanie, Justin, Sarah and Leora Trusty.'*

**Delanie Trusty** - August 01, 2016 at 06:48 PM

EB

“ *'The nicest man I have ever known.....Fly high Larry.....Fly high !\r\n'*

**Eddie Bruce** - August 01, 2016 at 06:00 PM

JC

“ *'My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.'*

**Julie Clark** - August 01, 2016 at 05:54 PM



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“ *'I have known Larry through our flying and working on Aircraft. A really good man. We met each other at Harvey Young Airport in Tulsa, and it was a pleasure to be around Larry because he was so nice to me and everyone. He later was with American Airlines where I worked. Our birthdays" were only one day apart but in different years. I know Larry loved his family, airplanes and church. So sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences and prayers.'*

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**Bob Gordon** - July 31, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *'Helen, our prayers are with you and David on the passing of your brother. Your family at CompSource stands with you as we celebrate the life of this beautiful man of God. Even in death, his desire to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ through the Gideon"s is a testament to his love for God and our Lord Jesus Chris. May our strong God bless and keep you and may He make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. We pray God"s comfort on his family. We love you!'*

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**Rev. Bill and Marsha Janey** - July 31, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ *'Gayla, you and Larry"s families are in my thoughts and prayers. Larry and I were 12 year graduates at Union Schools - such fond memories of a wonderful classmate and friend. May he rest in peace - he will be missed. '*

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**Sarah Jensen** - July 31, 2016 at 03:28 AM